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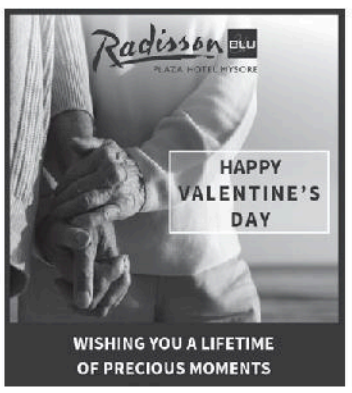

Legislature session begins with Governor's address

Governor Gehlot takes Vidhana Soudha's grand steps to enter Legislative Assembly

Bengaluru, Feb. 14 (KMS & BCT)- The joint session of the Karnataka Legislature began at Vidhana Soudha this morning. The 10-day session that will go on till Feb. 25, got started with Governor Thaawarchand Gehlot addressing the joint sitting of members of both Legislative Assembly and the Council.

In fact, this was Gehlot's first address to the joint session, after taking over as the Governor in July last year. Today, after a gap of several years, the Governor took the grand steps of the Vidhana Soudha to enter the Legislative Assembly chamber, the venue of the joint session.

For many years and for various reasons, Governors used the elevator to enter the Assembly. This time, the Speaker had requested the Governor to climb the grand steps and enter the Assembly Hall. Chief Minister Basavaraj Bommai, Assembly Speaker Vishweshwar Hegde Kageri, Council Chairman Basavaraj Horatti welcomed the Governor on the grand steps.

Chief Minister Basavaraj Bommai, Speaker Vishweshwar Hegde Kageri and Council Chairman Basavaraj Horatti receiving Governor Thaawarchand Gehlot on the grand steps of Vidhana Soudha this morning.

In his address, the Governor outlined the policies and programmes of the State Government and said that from Apr. 1, six kg rice will be given free for BPL families in addition to the present 5 kg. He maintained that despite the pandemic, Foreign Direct Investment (FDI) in Karnataka has increased, with the State accounting 48 percent of the total FDI in the country.

All ineligible and dubious 3.15 lakh beneficiaries of various pension schemes of the Government have been kept out, thereby saving Rs. 370 crore, he said.

A stormy session likely

The session is expected to be stormy as the principal Opposition Party, Congress is likely to corner the Government on several issues, including the hijab controversy and the related law and order situation, with protests in this regard turning violent in some parts.

The Ruling and Opposition parties have been blaming each other for the issue being escalated into a major controversy. The Congress is also likely to raise the issue of 40 percent kickback charges levelled by the Karnataka State Contractors Association against politicians, Ministers and bureaucrats.

The issue relating to the Mekedatu project is also likely to come up in the wake of Congress' recent padayatra demanding its implementation. The BJP, which has been accusing the grand old party of trying to politicise the issue is likely to counter it for going ahead with the padayatra in violation of COVID curbs.

Electoral reforms

Speaker Kageri said that he will explore the possibility of reserving two days of the present session, exclusively to discuss electoral reforms. Terming electoral reforms as an important subject vital for Democracy, Kageri reiterated that it needs to be debated and discussed by intellectuals, decision-makers and a cross-section of people.

"I have also requested the Chairman of the Legislative Council to take up the matter for discussion in the Upper House," Kageri said, disclosing that he has written letters to the Heads of Educational Institutions and Vice-Chancellors, requesting them to initiate discussion on electoral reforms.

ISRO launches EOS-04, two other satellites

Sriharikota, Feb. 14 (Agencies)- The Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO) successfully launched its Earth Observation Satellite EOS - 4 and two co-passenger technology demonstrator and scientific satellites at 5.59 am today from the first launch pad at the country's only spaceport at Sriharikota in Andhra Pradesh.

"After a flight of about 17 minutes, 34 seconds, three satellites namely EOS-04, INSPIREsat-1 and INST-2TD were injected successfully into a sun-synchronous polar orbit of 529 km. The orbit achieved for the satellites is very close to the intended orbits," the space agency said in a statement.

After separation, two solar arrays of EOS-04 deployed automatically and ISRO Telemetry Tracking and Command Network (ISTRAC) in Bengaluru assumed control. The satellite will be manoeuvred to its final position and begin providing data in a few days.

This was the country's first mission this year. In fact, it was the first mission since the failure of the GSLV F10 mission in August, 2021.

(See ISRO on page 7)

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"We believe comment is free, but facts are sacred."

Editor: M. GOVINDE GOWDA, M.A.

Mysuru, Monday 14th February 2022

Wins silver medal in National Kickboxing Championship

Mysuru, Feb. 14- Vibha P. Ravindra of Karnataka Kickboxing Sports Association (WAKOIND-KA) has won a Silver Medal in the Cadets and Junior National Kickboxing Championship organised by WAKO India Kickboxing Federation, recognised by the Ministry of Youth Affairs & Sports, Government of India and Member, World Association of Kickboxing Organisations (WAKO), International Olympic Committee (IOC) at Boxing Hall, Shiv Chhatrapati Sports Complex, Balewadi, Mahalunge, Pune, Maharashtra, held between Dec. 21 and 25, 2021.

She secured the Silver Medal in the 3 KL038 YC F -37kg KL category.

Vibha, daughter of Dr. P.V. Ravindra, Principal Investigator, CSIR-CFTRI, Mysuru, is studying in Class 4 at Excel Public School, Mysuru.

She is trained under the guidance of Sensei G. Sudhakar, Sensei Yogesh and Sensei Raghavendra of Sanskar Karate, V.V. Mohalla, Mysuru.

EDITOR'S BOTTOMLINE

BUT THIS BUDGET SPEECH WAS AMBROSIA: ***Yes, she has certainly not introduced taxes that would have driven Indian entrepreneurs away to Dubai and Singapore. There is more than that. In her speech, there is a promise of ambrosia (I loved her use of the expression Amruta at multiple points) that not only will she ensure that bad taxes are not imposed, but she will try to create an environment where good scaffolding (infrastructure, transportation, digital underpinnings) will be put in place. Clearly, she understands Valluvar's insight of the need for an environment where the ploughman, the artisan and the merchant can flourish.***

I turn 70 this year. For my generation, each year the Budget meant only two things. Firstly, cigarettes would cost more. (And the czars and czarinas of All India Radio would only tell us about the increase in the cost of Players Navy Cut. We had to find out the fate of Panama and Charminar at the street corner).

Secondly, we could be sure that the very next day, Nani Palkhivala would hold forth at Brabourne Stadium as to how once more our politicians have voted to perpetuate poverty rather than create wealth. We would hear him out, clap a great deal and go home despondent. It is a tad reassuring to note that in my lifetime the narrative has changed. And Ms. Sitharaman: We wish you luck in staying the course as you seek your Amruta Lakshyam. Godspeed. — *Jaithirth Rao in The Times of India*

NEWS SPARKLERS

Geese to keep illegal immigrants at bay

Longzhou: For over half a year now, border control points in Longzhou County, along China's border with Vietnam have been using geese as part of their arsenal of detecting and apprehending illegal immigrants.

As China is a big place with a long border, keeping people out isn't the easiest thing to do. In Longzhou, a county in Guanxi Province, the border with Vietnam stretches for 184 kilometres on land and 22 kilometres on waters, with many trails and paths for patrols to keep an eye on.

Luckily, since last summer, they have had a new secret weapon in their arsenal–geese. Longzhou County took the lead in testing geese as part of a complex strategy to prevent immigration and soon reported surprisingly positive results. Apparently, geese proved to be much more alert to strangers and unusual noises than dogs, helping border agents to capture several people trying to enter the country illegally.

Man turns barren hill into thriving forest

Istanbul: Hikmet Kaya, a retired forest technician from Turkey, is being praised as the main driving force behind an impressive ecological achievement – turning a barren hill in Sinop city into a green oasis of million trees. During his 24-year tenure as Head of Afforestation at Boyabat Forestry Operations Department, Hikmet Kaya focused on afforestation, planting over 25 million saplings on a barren hill and turning it into a green oasis. He began work in 1978 relying on specialised teams and the local community.

Even though he retired in 2002, Hikmet Kaya's project lived on and today he is regarded as somewhat of a local hero.

HEALTH CAPSULE

Oral exfoliate cytology:
Oral exfoliate cytology is a powerful tool for early detection of oral cancer and malignant. It is non- invasive, and a simple technique that can be used where the gold standard of biopsy is not feasible.

By Dr. Praveen Kumar - Ear, Nose, and throat
Manipal Hospital, Mysore

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LIFE'S ON

** Health Capsule is not intended to be of a diagnostic nature*

II PUC revised time-table

Bengaluru, Feb. 14- The Department of Pre-University Education has released the revised time-table for Class 12 or Pre-University Certificate (PUC II) annual exam 2022. As per the schedule, the annual II PUC exams will be held between April 16 and May 6. Candidates can check and download II PUC exams time-table through the official website *pue.kar.nic.in*

The II PUC examinations will be conducted in the morning sessions — from 10.15 am to 1.30 pm.

April 16:	Mathematics, Education, Basic Maths
April 18:	Political Science, Statistics
April 19:	Information Technology, Retail, Automobile, Health Care, Beauty and Wellness
April 20:	History, Physics
April 21:	Tamil, Telugu, Malayalam, Marathi, Urdu, Sanskrit and French
April 22:	Logic, Business Studies
April 23:	Carnatic Music, Hindustani Music, Psychology, Chemistry
April 25:	Economics
April 26:	Hindi
April 28:	Kannada
April 29:	Arabic
April 30:	Sociology, Electronics, Computer Science
May 2:	Geography, Biology
May 4:	English
May 6:	Optional Kannada, Accountancy, Geology, Home Science

REALLY...?

- ***Archaeologists have uncovered evidence that grapes were grown to make wine about 8,000 years ago in Mesopotamia (today's Iraq), although the ancient Egyptians were the first to record the process of making wine about 5,000 years ago.***

LAUGHTER THE BEST MEDICINE

Boy: *What is the use of quarrelling, my dear? Let us forgive and forget.*

Girl: *That is just the trouble. I am always forgiving, and you are always forgetting !*

TODAY'S CURRENCY RATE

1 US Dollar	= Rs. 75.56
1 UK Pound	= Rs. 102.31
1 UAE Dirham	= Rs. 20.57
1 Euro	= Rs. 85.71

COVID-19 UPDATE - MYSURU

	FEBRUARY 12	FEBRUARY 13
Day's Positive Cases	197	148
Total Positive Cases	2,28,435	2,28,583
Day's Discharges	465	156
Total Discharges	2,24,434	2,24,590
Day's Deaths	2	4
Total Deaths	2,547	2,551
Total Active Cases	1,454	1,442

NOTE: Figures as per Government Media Bulletin

VOICE OF THE READER

Parking problem continues at Sub-urban bus stand

Sir,

Time and again the problems faced by vehicle-users, particularly four-wheelers in parking their vehicles at KSRTC Suburban bus stand is brought to the notice of authorities concerned through this column, but it seems like nobody is bothered.

With the city bus bay lane in front, four-wheelers cannot bring their cars near the entrance to drop their people. Also there is no parking provided opposite the bus stand, that is near the drainage.

Passengers coming with luggage are facing severe problems and even just to park for a while and make the passenger sit in bus and see-off is also not possible, for this reason.

It is high time that either the District Minister or the MP, or someone concerned should bestow their attention and provide parking space for cars, as was earlier, opposite the bus stand.

—Vijay Hemmige
on e-mail
Vijayanagar Railway Layout
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Noisy film shoot leads to sleepless night

Police Control Room, Garuda teams of no help, allege residents

Mysuru, Feb. 14 (BCT)- People of residential areas around the iconic Lalitha Mahal Palace in the city were in for a sleepless night from 10 pm on Saturday till 6 am on Sunday as the hotel premises was abuzz with sounds made by a film shooting crew that was filming a dance sequence.

Blaring loudspeakers, music sets and very bright lights were used for the night-long shoot that began just when the residents of K.C. Nagar, J.C. Nagar, Alanahalli, Giridharshini Layout were about to retire for the day.

Several residents felt that the shooting would end in some time but they were mistaken as the noise continued all through the night. They have alleged that despite complaining to the local Police Station (Control Room), no action was taken, leaving them restless till 6 am.

Hotel clarifies

When contacted, Manjunath, Assistant Manager of Lalitha Mahal Hotel said that the Tamil movie crew had been granted permission to shoot for 10 days. Of that only three to four days are remaining. "The film crew has told us that they have taken permission from the Police. We have told them that shooting at night must be done without disturbing the residents," he said.

He said that the film crew had used loudspeakers for the dancing artistes to clearly hear the commands. "I have communicated with the crew managers and such incidents will not recur," Manjunath clarified.

Seeking fulfilment of long-standing demands

Staff threaten to close down aided educational institutions from Feb. 28

Mysuru, Feb. 14 (MTY&DM)- Seeking fulfilment of their various long-standing demands, the staff of aided schools and colleges have threatened to indefinitely shut down educational institutions from Feb. 28 if their demands are not met by then.

Announcing this at a press meet here yesterday, the President of Mysuru District Unit of State aided Schools and Colleges Staff Association Dr. Sharathkumar said that the staff appointed in aided institutions before the year 2006 should be considered for old pension scheme.

The other demands included bringing all staff under Arogya Siri Scheme (Jyothi Sanjeevini), relaxation of norms in respect of appointments in aided institutions, simplification of renewal of recognition and regularisation of D-Group employees, among others, he said.

Accusing the Government of showing disregard for staff of aided educational institutions, Dr. Sharathkumar said that repeated representations to the Government on fulfilment of demands have fallen on deaf ears. As such, the Government has been set Feb.26 deadline to fulfil the demands, he said adding that all aided schools and colleges in the State will be indefinitely shut down from Feb. 28 if the Government does not respond.

Association office-bearers B.R. Shivakumar, Siddaramu and M.M. Dinesh were present at the press meet.

Kanakadasanagar to get new overhead water tank at a cost of Rs. 2.78 crore

Mysuru, Feb. 14 (RKB&DM)- MP Pratap Simha and MLA G.T. Devegowda jointly performed *guddali puja* for construction of overhead water tank at Kanakadasanagar here this morning.

Speaking on the occasion, Devegowda said that the water tank would have a 15 lakh litre storage capacity and is being constructed at a cost of Rs. 2.78 crore as part of 24x7 Kabini Drinking Water Project.

Maintaining that the water tank will ensure uninterrupted water supply to Kanakadasanagar, Dattagalli and surrounding areas, he said that the construction of the tank is expected to be complete by the end of this year.

VVWW EE Suvarna, AEE Mustafa, JE Prasanna Kumar, Water Inspector Manju, MUDA EE Kiran Kumar, Corporator Lakshmi Kiranmadegowda, ex-Corporator Hema Gangappa, local leaders Vani Mohan, Basavalingappa and Veena Raj, Krutima were present.

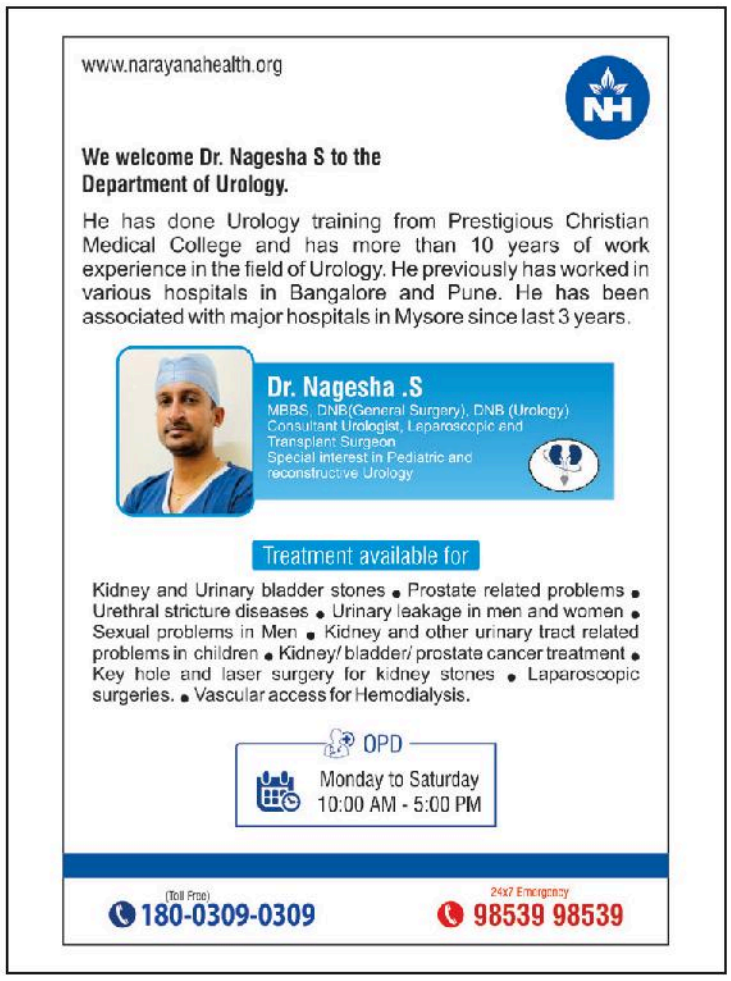
Talking on phone while driving to be legal soon

New Delhi, Feb. 14- Union Minister of Road Transport and Highways, Nitin Gadkari, has said that talking on phone while driving will soon be legal in India. However, there will be some rules that must be followed, Gadkari said in the Lok Sabha.

According to his statement, talking on the phone will only be permitted if the phone is connected to a hands-free device. In addition to this, the phone should also be kept in the pocket rather than in the car.

In the words of the Union Minister, "If the driver is using a hands-free device and talking on the phone, then it will not be considered as a punishable offence. In such a situation, the Traffic Police cannot impose any fine, if he does, then one can challenge it in the Court of Law," he said.

Ahead of this, the Ministry, in September, had said that mobile phones can be used while driving a vehicle solely for route navigation, without hindering the concentration of the driver while driving.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We welcome Dr. Nagesha S to the Department of Urology.
He has done Urology training from Prestigious Christian Medical College and has more than 10 years of work experience in the field of Urology. He previously has worked in various hospitals in Bangalore and Pune. He has been associated with major hospitals in Mysore since last 3 years.
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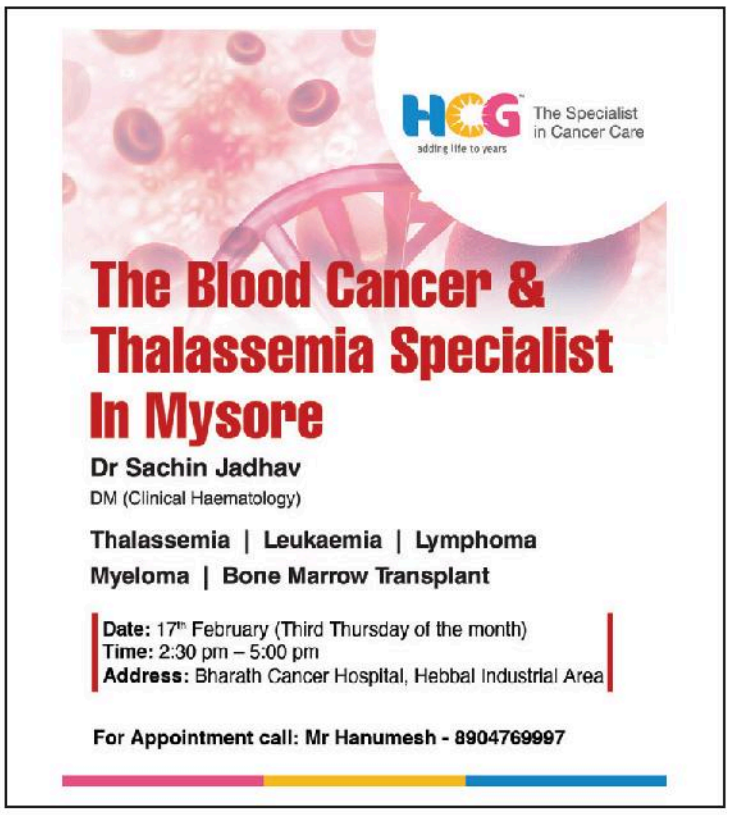
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NEWS BRIEFS

Admission

City's Government Tool Room and Training Centre (GTTC), under the Chief Minister's Kaushalya Karnataka Skill development scheme, has invited applications from economically backward SSLC, PUC, Diploma and BE passed unemployed candidates for admission to various vocational courses such as Turner, Miller, Fitter, Mechanical Assembly, CNC turning, Milling, Grinding, CNC programming, Mechatronics, Robotics, Renewable Energy , Tool Room Machinist etc. Interested candidates can apply by logging on to http:// www.kaushalkar.com before Feb.20, 2022. For details, visit the GTTC located in Belagola Industrial Area, off KRS Road or call Mob: 91416-30315/ 91416-29598/99454-42654.

Matrimonial meet

Trimatsa Brahmin Matrimonial meet will be held on Feb. 20, from 9.30 am to 2 pm at Sri Ramamandir in Krishnamurthypuram. Interested brides and bridegrooms may contact Mob: 98809-00920.

Ph.D awardee

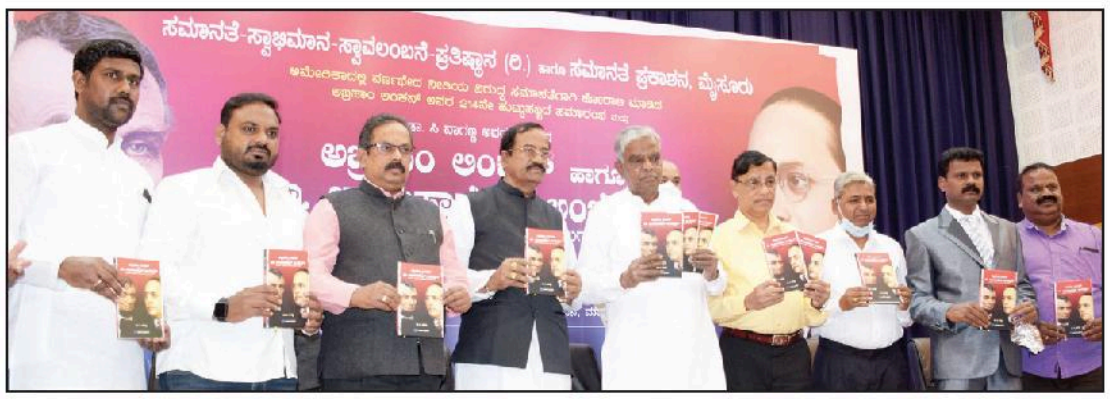
H.M. Basavanna has been awarded Ph.D in Sociology by the University of Mysore (UoM) for his thesis 'Chamarajanagar Jelleya Janarige Aahara Bhadrate Odagisuvalli Sarvajanika Vitharana Vyvastheya Patra: Ondu Samajashasthriya Adhyayana' [Guide: Dr. S. Yashoda].

State Government has failed to take action against Raichur Judge, says MP Prasad

Mysuru, Feb. 14 (PM&DM)- Hitting out at his own party Government in the State for failing to take action against Raichur District Court Judge, who had allegedly ordered removal of Dr. B.R. Ambedkar's portrait during the Republic Day celebrations at Raichur, Chamarajanagar BJP MP V. Sreenivasa Prasad said that it is unfortunate that the Government has remained silent on the issue.

He was speaking after releasing former University of Mysore Prasaranga Director and writer Prof. C. Naganna's work titled 'Abraham Lincoln Hagoo Dr. Baba Saheb Ambedkar- Mahaan Sadhakara Horatada Majalugalu' at a programme jointly by Samaanate-Swabhimana-Swavalambane Pratishtana and Samaanate Prakashana at Vijnana Bhavan in Manasagangothri here on Saturday, marking the 214th birth anniversary of Abraham Lincoln.

Maintaining that the Raichur Judge's action was an insult to the father of the Indian Constitution and also a serious offence, Sreenivasa Prasad contended that the Government turning a blind eye to the incident was not correct. Urging the Government to get a report on the entire incident, he observed that the Chief Minister and the Law Minister must have discussed the issue and brought it to the notice of the High Court. Maintaining that he had expressed doubts much earlier about the Government's sincerity on taking action against the Judge in question, the MP said it was unfortunate that the Government did not act on his suggestions.



Chamarajanagar MP V. Sreenivasa Prasad (centre) seen launching the book 'Abraham Lincoln Hagoo Dr. Baba Saheb Ambedkar-Mahaan Sadhakara Horatada Majalugalu' at a function organised at Vijnana Bhavan here on Saturday as book's author Prof. C. Naganna (fourth from right) and others look on.

Wondering what would have been the mindset of the Judge when he allegedly ordered removal of Dr. Ambedkar's portrait on the day when the entire country was celebrating Republic Day, Prasad bemoaned that this incident shows that the people's preset mindset on Dr. Ambedkar has not improved over the years.

Asserting that great personalities like Abraham Lincoln and Martin Luther King fought for equality in America, the MP said that the struggles of these great personalities have yielded results in America and both the White and Black population of that country are now living harmoniously. Contending that dark race is not symbolic of inferiority and instead it is symbolic of strength and unity, he opined that such a feeling should also spread across the SC Communities of India.

Noting that several movements and struggles had taken place in the country over centuries, Prasad said that casteism and nepotism had hindered the success of these struggles. As such, social evils such as untouchability, exploitation and atrocities have continued even after decades of independence, he lamented.

Quoting a Union Minister from Karnataka, who recently had said that the conviction in SC/ST atrocities cases was merely 3 percent, Prasad wondered whether the victims would get justice.

Former Karnataka Sanskrit University Vice-Chancellor Prof. Mallepuram G. Venkatesh spoke about the book.

Book author Prof. C. Naganna, former Professor Dr. Neelagiri Talwar, Pratishtana President Prof. C. Basavaraju, Secretary Mullur Nanjundaswamy, Book Publisher Bharath Ramaswamy, MLC A.H. Vishwanath, former MP C.H. Vijayshankar and others were present.

Obituary

M.V. Ramarao

Mysuru, Feb. 14- M.V. Ramarao (82), a resident of 12th Cross, St. Mary's Road in N.R. Mohalla, passed away on Feb. 12 at a private hospital.

He leaves behind his wife A. Hemalatha, an advocate, sons M.R. Bindukiran and M.R. Preethan, daughters-in-law Priyanka and Lakshmi, grandchildren and a host of relatives and friends. Last rites were performed at the foot of Chamundi Hill on Feb. 12 afternoon.

Puttaningamma

Puttaningamma, a resident of Janata Nagar, passed away on Saturday night in city.

She leaves behind three sons, five daughters and a host of relatives and friends. Last rites were performed at the foot of Chamundi Hill on Sunday afternoon, according to family sources.

MLA Nagendra undertakes padayatra in Mandi Mohalla

Mysuru, Feb.14 (RK&DM)- Continuing his padayatra in his Assembly segment, Chamaraja MLA L. Nagendra visited Mandi Mohalla on Friday.

During his padayatra, Nagendra visited lanes and by-lanes in Uppinakeri and other areas coming under MCC Ward No. 24 and heard public grievances. The MLA sought inputs from officials on the progress of civic works being executed with SFC funding.

On learning about the drinking water problem in the area, Nagendra directed VVWW officials to supply water to the areas from ground-level tank.

Responding to complaints on non-clearance of garbage and wastes, Nagendra directed the officials to address the issue.

The residents complained of facing a lot of inconvenience due to unfilled trenches that were dug up for laying underground cables who also demanded scientific construction of road humps at the junction of Panchamukhi Ganapathy Temple and Kabir Road on New Sayyaji Rao Road, as the spot is prone to frequent accidents.

Nagendra concluded his padayatra by performing *guddali puja* for Lavaar Basappa Garadimane.

Man kills wife for asking him to shun liquor

Mysuru, Feb. 14 (MTY&KS)- A liquor-addict man allegedly killed his wife by strangulating her for asking him to shun liquor. The incident took place at Udayagiri on Saturday night and the Police have arrested the accused.

The deceased is Sandhya (23) and the accused husband is 27-year-old Kiran, residents of A.K. Colony in Udayagiri.

Kiran, who was addicted to liquor, was being advised to shun liquor by Sandhya daily which used to lead to frequent quarrels between them. On Saturday night too, Kiran had reportedly come home drunk and picked up a fight with Sandhya. As the issue escalated, Kiran allegedly strangled Sandhya with his hands in drunken stupor and killed her. Sandhya leaves behind her two-year-old child.

Udayagiri Police, have registered a case.

Unidentified body found

Mysuru, Feb. 14- The Mysuru Railway Police have found a body of an unidentified man lying on Platform No. 1 in City Railway Station and have shifted the body to the mortuary, besides registering a case.

The deceased is aged between 25 and 30 years and is said to have died a natural death. Contact Mysuru Railway Police Station on Ph: 0821-2516579.

WATER LEVEL

KRS DAM

Maximum	:	124.80	feet
Today	:	118.12	feet
Yesterday	:	118.32	feet
Inflow	:	230	cusecs
Outflow	:	2,894	cusecs

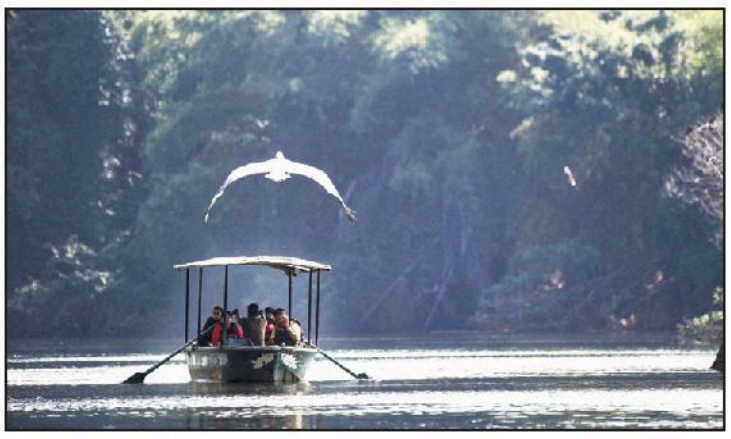
KABINI DAM

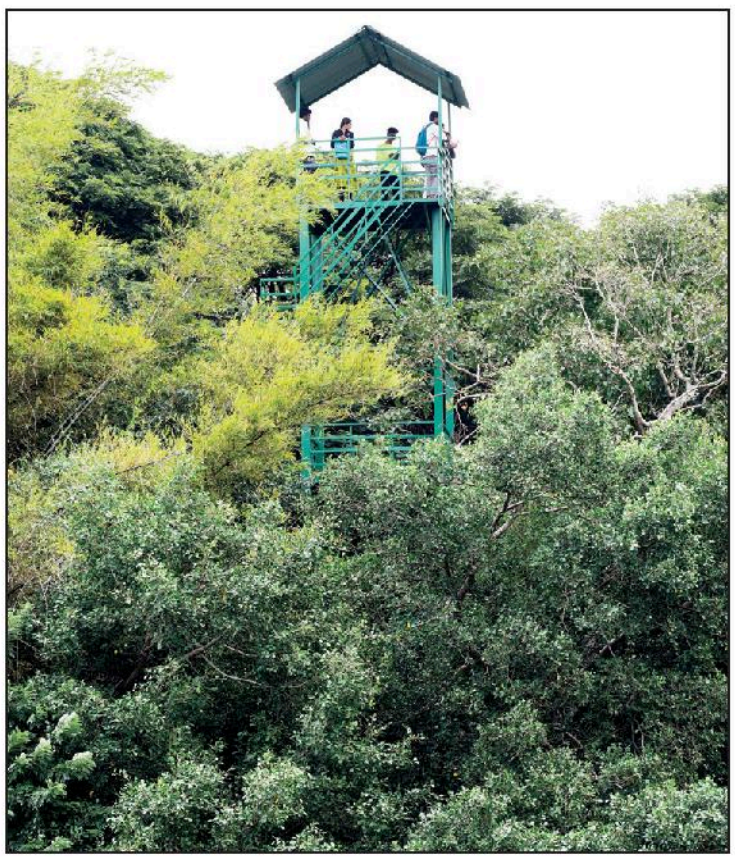
Maximum	:	2,284.00	feet
Today	:	2,280.94	feet
Inflow	:	130	cusecs
Outflow	:	1,925	cusecs

HARANGI DAM

Maximum	:	2,859.00	feet
Today	:	2856.96	feet
Inflow	:	154	cusecs
Outflow	:	50	cusecs

Nesting time now for Ranganathittu birds





By Vinay Karekura

Srirangapatna, Feb. 14- It is nesting season for thousands of winged beauties at Ranganathittu Bird Sanctuary now and bird sounds rent the air. The increase in the presence of birds, both resident and migratory at the Sanctuary has brought cheer to both bird watchers and Forest Department officials.

Migration and nesting is a part of a natural cycle and hundreds of them flock every year. This year, according to Forest Department, hundreds of birds of over 170 species have landed at Ranganathittu for nesting and breeding. Forest officers say that every year, Ranganathittu witnesses birth of scores of hatchlings. Winter migration season began in December and will last till mid-May and by that time, hatchlings are able to fly on their own. Hundreds of pairs of various species have already hatched little ones and are gearing up to return to their countries. Migratory birds arrive here in batches & in different seasons.

The highest of them arrive during winter migration and they come from Siberia, Latin America and North India. It is estimated that over 6,000 to 7,000 birds come here every year during winter. The abundant availability of fish and aquatic insects in River Cauvery makes migratory birds favour Ranganathittu as the preferred nesting site.

Not only Ranganathittu, birds also arrive at Gende Hosahalli, near Srirangapatna, Kokkare Bellur near Maddur and other parts of Mandya district to herald the nesting and breeding season. These locales prove that the Mandya district is rich in bird diversity. Spread across 66 acres and having over 24 islands and islets including Openbill Island, Large Cormorant Island, Kaadu Hunasemara Island, Stone Bill Island, Stone Flower Island, Neeranji Island, Hatthi Mara Island, Purple Heron Island and the Bamboo Island, the Ranganathittu Bird Sanctuary is the biggest in Karnataka. There are paddy lands that surround the Sanctuary up to 17 acres that prove ideal for picking straws for nesting.

Little Cormorant, Night Heron, Large Cormorant, White Ibis, Darter, Lesser Whistling Teal, River Tern, Indian Cliff Swallow, Spoon-Billed Stork, Painted Stork and Pelican, Asian Openbill Storks, Eurasian Spoonbills, Oriental Darters (snake bird), Spot-Billed Pelicans, Black-Crowned Night Herons, Black-Headed Ibises and brilliantly-coloured Kingfishers nest in Ranganathittu during the peak winter season.

Butterfly park and watchtowers

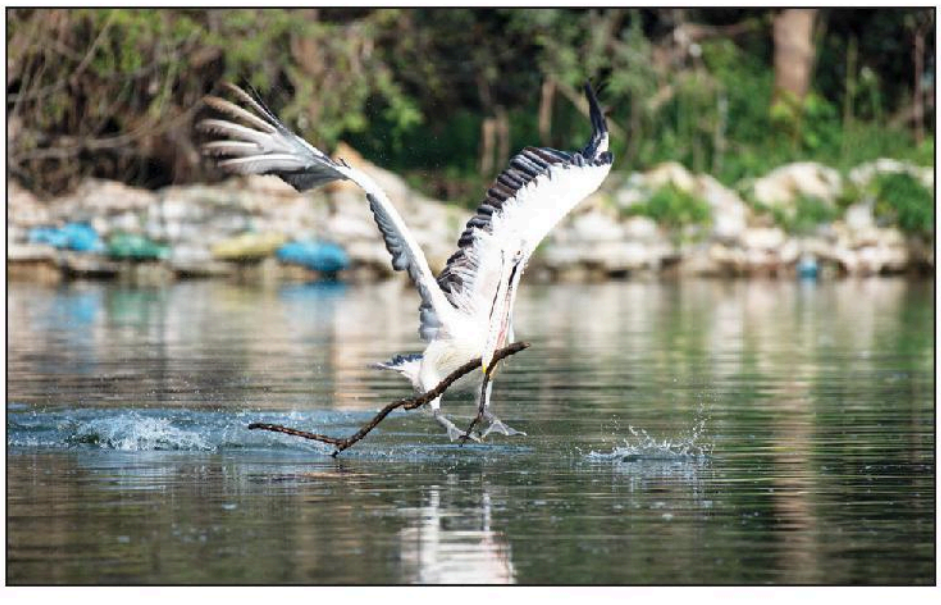
As an additional attraction, a butterfly park has been made inside Ranganathittu that has more than 61 species including Southern Birdwing and Gram Blue. Three tall watchtowers along the sidelines of the sanctuary give a better view to bird lovers. The towers have been built at a cost of Rs. 4 lakh, covering an altitude of 20 feet and 50 feet.

The sanctuary attracts nearly 3 lakh tourists every year and was formed when Kanteerava Narasimharaja Wadiyar constructed an embankment across the Cauvery in 1648. Other attractions include battery-operated vehicles that have been procured at a cost of Rs. 5 lakh and these are meant to facilitate senior citizens and physically challenged so that they can move around the sanctuary.

A glass walkway has been constructed and it is attracting tourists like a magnet. New ticket counters have been set up and tickets for parking, camera, entry fee, and boating can be purchased at a single counter. Facility for cashless payment too has been enabled and a baby care facility too has been provided.

There is an Information Centre to educate people about birds, their patterns and behaviour, a canteen and neat walking space amidst well grown trees. The Sanctuary also has a 16-acre garden where we grow native fruit-yielding species of trees and plants. It has about 16 Pergolas so that tourists can sit and rest in the shade.

Range Forest Officer Surendra said that a proposal has been sent to the State Government to construct a play area for children that will have various attractions for jumping around and physical activity.



It's breeding time for birds...

Even as the nesting season has set in, bird activities at Ranganathittu Bird Sanctuary is attracting huge crowds. City lensman G.S. Ravishankar has captured a few moments of an Asian Openbill Stork and a Spot-Billed Pelican on his camera recently.

55 bird species spotted in Kukkarahalli Lake

Concern over plastic waste, water hyacinth dominating the Lake

Mysuru, Feb. 14 (BCT)- A bird-watching programme was organised under the joint aegis of Mysore Science Foundation and Aranya Outreach at Kukkarahalli Lake in the city yesterday. Amateur naturalist and bird photographer M.K. Sapthagirish was the resource person.

Over 40 bird enthusiasts participated in the programme and over 55 bird species were spotted. Some of the important species recorded were the globally threatened Spot-Billed Pelican, Black-Headed Ibis, Oriental Darter to name a few.

Some of the birds were also recorded with the young ones like the Bronze-Winged Jacana, Eurasian Coot, Little Grebe and Night Heron. On the island, the birders could record Painted Storks on the nests.

While lecturing the bird watchers on the ways and means to identify and distinguish the bird species, Sapthagirish said that though many species look similar there are minute differences that distinguish birds. Along with bird species, the importance of Lakes, water bodies, food for the birds, habitat, roosting patterns and migrations were explained to the bird watchers who listened with rapt attention.

The group discussed the importance of Lakes as an ecosystem and also its importance in an urban setup. Attention was drawn to the fragile ecosystem that the Kukkarahalli Lake supports and concern was expressed over the relentless discharge of sewage water to the Lake on a day to day basis and also dumping of plastic waste.

He pointed out that certain walkers bring plastic bottles, covers and containers to the Lake during morning and evening walks and irresponsibly dump them into the Lake.

Mysore Science Foundation's Secretary G.B. Santhosh Kumar said that if birds were to be drawn to the Lake, it is important that the environment of the Lake is made attractive. "Birds will not come here if a Lake is full of plastic covers and bottles. Also, efforts should be made to block the flow of sewage into the Lake. Asphalting the walking pathway will do more damage than imagined," he said.

Water hyacinth is becoming a bigger threat to the Kukkarahalli Lake as it is spreading at an alarming pace. Though it has been removed partially, early action should be taken to completely remove this or else the biological oxygen demand may rise and have an adverse effect on the ecosystem, said Sapthagirish.

He said that proliferation of water hyacinth needs to be addressed immediately for its sustainable conservation.

Earlier, water hyacinths were on the margins of the Lake. Now they are growing and spreading towards the centre, he noted.

High Schools re-open amidst Police security

Mysuru, Feb.14 (MTY&DM)- With the Government ordering re-opening of High Schools across the State, which were shut down last week after the dress code row (Hijab-saffron shawl row) raged across the State, classes from 9th to 10th in the city and district re-started this morning, with Police standing guard around almost all schools as a security measure.

DDPI Ramachandraraje Urs told *Star of Mysore* that there are over 2,900 Government, aided, unaided and other category High Schools in the district. While 43,750 students are studying in 9th standard, 43,200 are enrolled in 10th and the percentage of student attendance on the first day of re-opening will be known only in the evening.

As a precautionary measure, the DDPI said that barring students, staff and other officials, no unauthorised person will be allowed entry to schools.

"Gathering in groups around schools is also banned. Police personnel, both men and women, are deployed around every school. The Department is taking utmost precautions to make sure that students attending classes are not troubled. Parents and students alike have been sensitised on do's and don'ts," he said adding that there is no cause of concern as of now.

He said that heads of schools have been directed to immediately report the matter to the district administration and the Police if trouble brews in the vicinity of their premises or campuses.

Inspectors of all Police Stations have been instructed to enhance patrolling around schools and keep vigil on movements of anti-social elements, it is learnt.

Prohibitory orders till Feb.28

Meanwhile, city Police have clamped prohibitory orders in 200 mts. radius around all Schools from 6 am today (Feb.14) till 10 pm on Feb.28. Accordingly, gathering in groups, staging protest- demonstrations and such others have been banned.

Police take out route march

A day before the re-opening of High Schools, the Police took out a route march in sensitive areas of the city yesterday as a measure to instill confidence among the public and students.

Hundreds of Policemen attached to N. R. Sub-division and contingents of Mounted Police, CAR and other Police wings, took part in the route march under the guidance of DCP Pradeep Gunti, ACPs Gangadharswamy, Shashidhar and Shivashankar.

HDK will not contest from Mysuru in next Assembly polls: MLA S.R. Mahesh

'Chamundeshwari MLA GTD is still with JD(S), will not leave party'

Mysuru, Feb.14 (MTY&DM)- Maintaining that no special significance needs to be attached to former Chief Minister and JD(S) leader H.D. Kumaraswamy's (HDK) recent remarks that he would himself contest from Chamundeshwari Assembly segment in Mysuru, K.R. Nagar JD(S) MLA S.R. Mahesh said that the Assembly segment is currently represented by JD(S) MLA G.T. Devegowda (GTD), who is still with the party.

He was speaking after inaugurating the office of new MLC C.N. Manjegowda at Mini Vidhana Soudha in Nazarbad here on Sunday.

Asserting that he has spoken to HDK on the issue, Mahesh said though it is true that party workers are exerting pressure on Kumaraswamy to contest from Chamundeshwari, it is certain HDK would not contest from Mysuru.

Reiterating that GTD is still with the JD(S), he said that though there are differences and dissensions in the party, everything would be set right shortly and as such GTD would not leave the party.

Contending that JD(S) Legislators such as Marithibbegowda, GTD and C.S. Puttaraju would not leave the party, Mahesh said that all leaders will set aside their differences if any and strive unitedly for bringing the party to power in the Assembly polls.

K.R. Nagar JD(S) MLA S.R. Mahesh seen inaugurating the office of new MLC C.N. Manjegowda at Mini Vidhana Soudha in Nazarbad here on Sunday as JD(S) leader Abdullah and MLA M. Ashwin Kumar look on.

City will have a JD(S) Mayor

Referring to the forthcoming Mysuru Mayoral polls, S.R. Mahesh expressed confidence that a JD(S) Corporator would become the Mayor this time.

Pointing out that the JD(S) would field its candidate for the Mayoral polls which is likely to take place at the end of this month, Mahesh refused to disclose the party's game-plans and said that the city is going to have a JD (S) Mayor for sure.

MLC C.N. Manjegowda too spoke on the occasion.

MLA M. Ashwin Kumar, JD(S) Mysuru District President J. Narasimhaswamy, former ZP members C.J. Dwarakeesh and Beerihundi Basavanna, Corporators Shobha, Ashwini Ananthu, Prema Shankaregowda, K.V. Sridhar and SBM Manju, leaders Siddegowda, Belawadi Shivamurthy, Bharath Manjegowda, Abdullah and others were present.

Congress launches digital membership drive

KPCC Working President and former MP R. Dhruvanarayan, former Minister U.T. Khader, District Congress President Dr. B.J. Vijaykumar, MLC Dr. D. Thimmaiah and others seen during digital membership drive launched at Congress Office in Mysuru yesterday. The drive was launched in Nanjangud on Saturday.

Nanjangud, Feb.14- As part of the party's plans for expanding its support base, the Congress on Saturday launched digital membership drive at Nandi Conventional Hall in Nanjangud town on Saturday.

Speaking after launching the drive, KPCC Working President and former MP R. Dhruvanarayan said that the Government has no guts to conduct ZP and TP polls on time.

Maintaining that Hijab row has attracted global attention, he said that the row is a matter of shame to peace-loving Karnataka.

Pointing out that digital membership campaign has been launched across the country following instructions from Congress President Sonia Gandhi, Dhruvanarayan said that the campaign coupled with the training programme, has been launched in keeping with the digital times.

Asking the party workers right from booth-level to take the membership drive seriously, he said they must make maximum efforts to take all sections and communities into confidence.

Noting that the KPCC has set a target of enrolling 60 lakh new members during the drive, he said that the Nanjangud Assembly segment has been set a target of enrolling 2,500 members. The bigger the membership drive, the more the chances of Congress returning to power in the State, the former MP added.

Former MLA Kalale Keshavamurthy, in his address, said that the digital membership drive is being conducted under the guidance of KPCC President D.K. Shivakumar and Opposition Leader Siddharamaiah. He called upon the party workers of the Constituency to work hard during the drive and strive for bringing back the Congress to power in the Assembly polls.

District Congress President Dr. B.J. Vijaykumar, Congress leaders Aishwarya Mahadev, Kurahatti Mahesh, Hedathale K.Nagaraju, Rangaswamy, Shivanna and Latha Siddashetty and others were present.

High Court strikes down law against online gaming

Bengaluru, Feb. 14 (Agencies)- In a relief to online gaming operators, the High Court of Karnataka this morning held as unconstitutional some of the provisions of the Karnataka Police (Amendment) Act, 2021, which prohibit and criminalise the activities of offering and playing games of skill, including online games, by risking money or otherwise.

This judgement will likely pave the way for fantasy sports and gaming firms to make a comeback in the State. They had suspended operations in October last year.

A Division Bench comprising Chief Justice Ritu Raj Awasthi and Justice Krishna S. Dixit delivered the verdict while allowing the petitions filed by associations of gaming operators, like Online Gaming Federation, Federation of Indian Fantasy Sports, and a few individuals who are online gaming enthusiasts.

While restraining the Government from taking any action against the petitioners, the Bench gave liberty to the Government to enact law on online gaming as per the Constitutional provisions.

The State's amendment came after a Public Interest Litigation (PIL) was filed in the High Court seeking a ban on online gamling. It removed the distinction between the game of skill and game of chance, thereby bringing skill-based gaming startups under its purview.

The main contention of the petitioners was that provisions in the new law 'unlawfully' prohibit the 'lawful and legitimate' business of online games of skill. The petitioners contended that games of skill (involving risking of money or otherwise) do not amount to wagering or betting, as interpreted by the Apex Court.

'Kannadigara Mahamytrikoota to be formed to take on National Parties'

Kumaraswamy

Bengaluru, Feb. 14- With the State Assembly polls a year away, top JD(S) leader and former Chief Minister H.D. Kumaraswamy said that a 'Kannadigara Mahamytrikoota' involving all Kannada groups, farmer leaders and Dalit activists, will be formed to take on the national parties (Congress and BJP) in the Assembly polls.

Speaking to presspersons here yesterday, Kumaraswamy said that he has set in motion the idea by talking to leaders of Kannada groups. Likewise, he will talk to farmer leaders, water activists and Dalit leaders for forming a broader Mahamytrikoota that will strive to meet regional demands.

Stressing that Karnataka needed a strong regional party, he explained the idea of the Mahamytrikoota which will be formed ahead of next year's Assembly polls. The modalities of the Mytrikoota will be worked out in a couple of months, he added.

Charging the national parties of destroying the State, Kumaraswamy alleged that these parties had ignored Kannadigas and it is time that we become alert about their dubious plans.

ISRO launch

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The PSLV-C52/EOS-04 mission too has been delayed twice already due to the Coronavirus pandemic. Initially planned for the third quarter of 2021, the launch got pushed to the fourth quarter and finally to early 2022.

This was the first mission of the space agency under the Chairmanship of Dr. S. Somanath, who took over as the Chairperson ISRO and Secretary Department of Space in January.

Keeping his remarks short, the Chairperson thanked his teams and said that the satellite was a big asset for the country. Dr. Somanath ended his less-than-a-minute long address with, "We will be back again with the next launch of PSLV very soon. Till then, goodbye."

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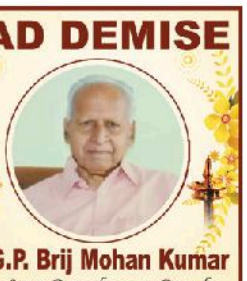

Dr. G.P. Brij Mohan Kumar
S/o Late Parashuram Gowda
02.10.1942 I 14.02.2022
You live on in our hearts and thoughts forever.
Deeply mourned by:
Smt. Vishalakshamma - Wife
G.P. Divakar, Advocate - Brother
Brij Mohan Samarth - Son
Patel Venkatappa Gowda Family,
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Drawing in richness

Majority of people focus on career and health precedes wealth activation. Activating fortunes is one of special aspects of Feng Shui design and retaining the wealth earned is also one of the key factors. Ushering in prosperity is not just wishing for wealth luck but seeking overall goodness and happiness.

With proper Feng Shui design and placement, one can achieve a lot of prosperity. However, when it is further empowered with appropriate Feng Shui symbolisms, the cumulative effect is extremely positive.

Creating good Feng Shui does not bring you wealth and prosperity but ensures you have the key to open the doors of success and prosperity to enable the person to work towards it and gives the necessary support to aspire for wealth and good fortune. The home or office exudes with energy for the right environment that will strengthen and attract the good Feng Shui energies.

Traditional Feng Shui masters used to follow the method of creating positive intention by creating what was known as a "wealth vase" during the beginning of the Chinese New Year by choosing an auspicious date and time which was said to usher in wealth luck through the year.

The history of the wealth vase is complex. However, its making and symbols have many relevance and deeper meaning. In Feng Shui applications, the wealth vase is used as an abundance cure to help you attract and strengthen the flow of wealth and prosperity energy in your home or office. However, as creating a traditional wealth vase is time consuming and calls for proper preparation, easier method would be to adapt potent symbols as wealth enhancers.

Feng Shui coins are popular symbolisms to enhance wealth luck. The most common use of Chinese coins in Feng Shui is for activating money luck. You can either carry 3 coins in your wallet or you can hang it with a red ribbon or tassel on the wall.

There are many simple and easy Feng Shui symbolisms and remedies which can be adapted for strong Wealth Chi.

Citrine crystal is long known for attracting wealth, so it is often used in Feng Shui wealth activation; Displaying a citrine gem tree would be a good symbolism

• To draw in good energy, primarily focus should be to ensure a clutter-free space. A cluttered space cannot attract or keep the energy of wealth.

• Citrine crystal is long known for attracting wealth, so it is often used in Feng Shui wealth activation, displaying a citrine gem tree would be a good Feng Shui symbolism.

• Ensure that the energy flow in your home and office is strong and positive; combining powerful wealth symbolism with good flow of energy empowers energy of wealth and abundance. • Ensure that you have a strong and auspicious main door. Make it more potent with Feng Shui symbols of protection, abundance and good wealth luck.

• Images of green woods, forests or vibrant green leaves, trees, grass, will bring the wood element energy in Feng Shui. Even images of natural landscapes with interesting landscapes are potent energisers.

• Fountains, aquariums or images of flowing water are also very good, as water is a symbol of wealth. Water images with plenty of foam and open views are especially powerful as Feng Shui wealth symbols.

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Silk India, Sahara Art & Crafts, Garments Sale in city

The 'Silk India-2022' expo, organised by Hastashilpi at Hotel Southern Star on Vinoba Road in city, is open to public between 10.30 am and 8.30 pm till Feb. 19.

Sahara Art and Crafts - Shopping Festival-2022, Handicraft & Handloom Expo-cum-Sale is underway at Scouts & Guides Ground in city between 10.30 am and 9.30 pm till Mar. 6.

India's biggest garment sale — winter, summer readymade garments, shoes and more — is on at Institution of Engineers-India (IEI) on JLB Road in city. The expo, which is open to public between 10 am and 9 pm, will conclude on Feb. 16.

Cooked food on all trains from today

New Delhi, Feb. 14- The Indian Railway Catering and Tourism Corporation Limited (IRCTC) is set to resume serving cooked food in trains, which was discontinued when the COVID-19 pandemic broke out, from today (Feb. 14). The IRCTC said that such food is already being served in 428 trains.

Of the total number of trains, cooked food had already been restored by 30 percent by Dec. 2021, 80 percent by Jan., 2022 and the remaining 20 percent shall be restored by Feb. 14, 2022. Cooked food on premium trains (Rajdhani, Shatabdi, Duronto) had already been restored last December. Ready to eat meals would also continue.

The Ministry of Civil Aviation had also recently allowed airlines to serve meals on all domestic flights. This comes as the COVID-19 situation in the country seems to stabilise.

Two-day Roots & Tubers Mela concludes with cooking contest

Mysuru, Feb. 14 (RKB&SSM)- The two-day Roots and Tubers Mela, organised by Sahaja Samrudha in collaboration with Rotary Club of Mysore (West) at Nanjaraja Bahadur Choultry on Vinoba Road in city concluded yesterday.

The Mela received overwhelming response from the people with more than 4,000 people visiting the Mela on both the days.

Speaking at the valedictory function yesterday evening, MLA G.T. Devegowda (GTD) said, "Roots and tubers are the organic food items from the nature which helps in boosting our immunity system. Tubers and roots are very essential to provide energy and lead a healthy life."

Pointing out that roots and tubers are highly nutritious in nature, the MLA said that there are many rare roots and tubers displayed in the Mela other than a few common types which many of us are aware of.

"This Mela has helped in spreading awareness about the organic and natural food intake in our daily lifestyle," GTD said and assured that he would strive to get funds from the Government to organise such Melas in future.

MLA L. Nagendra, who too spoke on the occasion, said: "Farmers must come forward to grow roots and tubers other than normal crops. Urban community has no idea about these organic products and hence, this kind of Melas should be organised frequently."

MLA G.T. Devegowda handing over certificates to the winners of cooking competition as MLA L. Nagendra, G. Krishna Prasad of Sahaja Samrudha and others look on.

Judges Geetha Somashekar and Sunitha Bhaskar savouring delicacies prepared by the contestants at the cooking competition. Others seen are Inner Wheel Club of Mysore West President Bhavani Chandra and Sahaja Samrudha Founder Seema Prasad.

Cooking contest

Tuber and roots cooking competition was held on the last day of the Mela yesterday afternoon with many taking part in the contest.

Various delicacies like purple yam parota, ginger chutney, vada, holige and gojju made from Suvarna Gedde (Elephant Yam), cutlet and payasa made from Arrowroot, sweet potato holige, bili gensu majjige huli, purple yam kosambri, raddish kofta, tambuli, kabab, lollypop, etc. were prepared by the contestants at the competition.

Winners

Chandrakala (first), Shridevi P. Hegde (second) and Mangala Prakash (third) were declared as the winners of the cooking competition.

The business at the two-day Mela crossed more than Rs. 4 lakh.

Yacon Tuber, a tuber from Mexico, was one of the attractions at the Mela. Ice-cream, cake and sweets made from Yacon Tuber was in great demand. Swarna Shri, a resident of Vijayanagar in city, had prepared purple yam tuber cakes and cup-cakes which were sold out within minutes at the Mela on both the days.

As many as 27 stalls, including food stalls, were opened with farmers from various villages bringing their produce (roots and tubers) including seeds and selling them at the Mela. Various dishes such as navane idli, unde genasu chutney, suvarna gedde pulao and bonda, baledindu (banana stem) raita, navane akki bisi bele bath, sweet potato bajji, Sogade Beru (Sarasaparilla) and Bale Dindu juice and Dharward Jolada Rotti and Engai (brinjal curry) were in great demand.

Rotary West President Dr. B. Chandra, Inner Wheel Club of Mysore West President Bhavani Chandra, Secretary Shwetha Krishna, cooking contest judge Geetha Somshekar, Rtn. V. Srinivasa Murthy, Sahaja Samrudha Director G. Krishna Prasad & Founder Seema Prasad, Nishanth Bankapura and K. Manju were present.

Artisan missing from city

Mysuru, Feb. 14 (KS)- An artisan, who left his house on Feb. 1 saying that he was going to Mandya on some work, has since gone missing.

The missing artisan is 40-year-old B. Nagesh, a resident of Soppinakeri in Mandi Mohalla, according to the complaint lodged by his sister Sujatha with the Police.

Those having any information about Nagesh may contact Mandi Police Station on Ph: 0821-2418513 or Police Control Room on Ph: 0821-2418339.

Nanjangud: 27-year-old Santosh Kumar, a resident of Sinduvalli village in Nanjangud taluk, who left his house on Feb. 8 at about 11.30 am, has since gone missing.

He is 5.5 ft. tall, oval faced, oily red complexioned, normal built and was wearing a blue shorts and a full arm shirt at the time of going missing.

Those having any information about Santosh Kumar, may contact Nanjangud Town Police Station on Ph: 08221-228383 or the District Police Control Room on Ph: 0821-2444800, according to a press release.

Moving Maruti Van gutted in fire

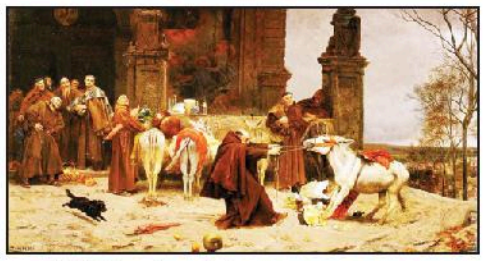
Mysuru, Feb. 14 (MK&KS)- A moving Maruti Van has been completely gutted in a fire on Azeez Sait Main Road yesterday night and luckily, the occupants of the vehicle escaped with minor burn injuries.

Yesterday about 8 pm, Udayagiri residents Asim Pasha, Shashikumar, Dada Peer, Imran Pasha and Wahid, all tiles-laying professionals, were returning in the van from Rammanahalli side, when the vehicle suddenly caught fire in front of a School on Azeez Sait Main Road.

As soon as the van caught fire, all the five van occupants jumped out of the vehicle. As the van suddenly caught fire, a few of them sustained minor burns and are undergoing treatment at K.R. Hospital. Bannimantap Fire Brigade personnel, who rushed to the spot, managed to extinguish the fire. But the van was completely gutted by then.

WORD OF THE DAY

Schadenfreude



Pronunciation: SHAH-dun-froy-duh.
Meaning: Schadenfreude is the enjoyment obtained from the troubles of other people.
Origin: Schadenfreude is a combination of the German nouns Schaden, meaning "damage" or "harm," and Freude, meaning "joy." So it makes sense that schadenfreude means joy over some harm or misfortune suffered by another.
Example: "A glaring subplot in all this is that Jim Harbaugh has never beaten Ohio State in five tries as the Michigan coach, a continuous source of frustration among Wolverines fans and gleeful schadenfreude in Columbus." — Mitch Stacy.

THE ODD WORD

Salvific

Having the purpose or intention of saving.

PHRASE OF THE DAY

Smell a rat

Meaning: When you say you 'Smell a Rat' you mean that you're picking up on something suspicious.
Origin: No one is certain when or where this phrase originated, however if you have ever smelt a dead rat in a wall, you know that the odour is horrible, indicating that something is definitely out of place. The term probably comes from the days when rats were more common, and when prize terriers were used to sniff them out and kill them.
Example: "What are you guys up to? I smell a rat."

QUOTE BOX

In this rat-race everybody's guilty till proved innocent! **—Bette Davis**

RIDDLE THIS

Solve the rebus:

Answer: Face up to it.

CROSS WORD

ACROSS:

1 Undercover cop, in short
5 US Civil war side, in short
8 TV sports letters
12 Halls, theatres
13 Micromegas author
15 Kind (6-7)
17 List of contents
18 You too in Latin (2,2)
19 Teletype setter, in short
21 ___ Belapur Road : industrial belt near Mumbai?
24 Flight Guidance Sys.
27 Withdrew, fell back or rescinded
30 Pet name for Louis?
31 Caution light
32 Gad's son ?
33 The Furies of Greek mythology
35 Department of Telecommunication
36 Dickens' title starter (1,4)
37 Sharukh Khan's ___ Ho Na Ho
39 New Mexico town
41 Mine finds
45 Tangible evidence of a crime? (6,7)
49 A cavalry soldier - "has curse" anagram?
50 Circular band
51 Ice-cream cornet?
52 Call for help
53 John for the Welsh

YESTERDAY'S ANSWER

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Q	A	T	A	R	■	■	S	T	O	U	T	■
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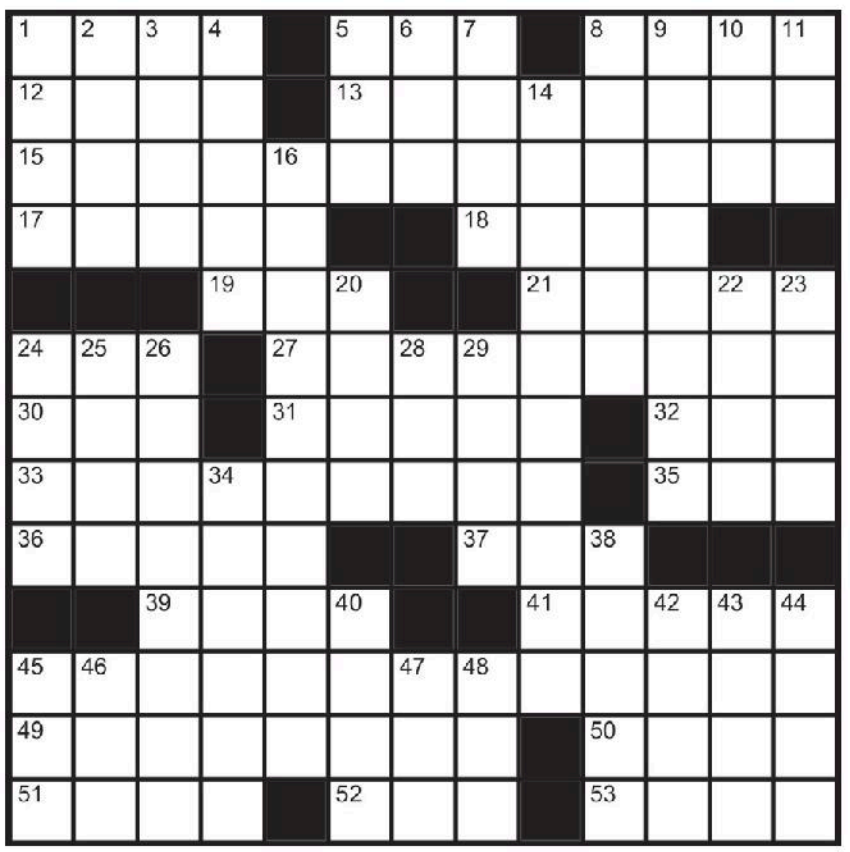
D	N	A	■	T	G	I	F	■	E	T	N	A

DOWN

1 Words of denial (3,1)
2 Capital of erstwhile South Yemem
3 Tear apart
4 Military student
5 Cockpit Voice Recorder
6 Fifth note of the scale
7 Out of the wind
8 "A heart" anagram for a girl's name?
9 ___ at : located at?
10 Prefix for fix
11 Name for a boy or a donkey?
14 Checked fabric
16 Foreign or superfluous
20 Half (prefix)
22 Fiddling emperor
23 Revise copy
24 Small insect
25 Inflammatory disease
26 Native of Indonesia's westmost island
28 To Be Determined
29 Smell strongly of
34 Slip by; pass away
38 French river
40 Nav. readings
42 604 in Rome
43 Famous Sicilian volcano
44 Omen or portent
45 300 for Tiberius
46 Exclamation of surprise
47 Pair
48 Conversational stopgaps



SUDOKU

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	1	2	4					
6				7	1			
8				4		5		
	9		5				8	

Answer to previous puzzle

4	7	1	5	9	2	6	3	8
3	2	6	4	1	8	7	9	5
5	9	8	6	7	3	1	4	2
7	1	2	8	4	9	3	5	6
8	5	4	2	3	6	9	1	7
6	3	9	1	5	7	8	2	4
1	6	5	3	8	4	2	7	9
2	4	7	9	6	1	5	8	3
9	8	3	7	2	5	4	6	1

Sudoku is a number-placing puzzle based on a 9x9 grid with several given numbers. The object is to place the numbers 1 to 9 in the empty squares so that each row, each column and each 3x3 box contains the same number only once. The difficulty level of the Concept is Sudoku increases from Monday to Sunday.

CRYPTOQUIP

The Cryptoquip is a substitution cipher in which one letter stands for another. If you think that X equals O, it will equal O throughout the puzzle. Single letters, short words and words using an apostrophe give you clues to locating vowels. Solution is by trial and error.

MCBIA NCB VZAQMA QZA ZQZA; MCBIA NCB VQXXBM QZA

XLGAZBLI. MCAZARBZA, MCA TQMMAZ QZA IMZBXDAZ.

TODAY'S CLUE: M EQUALS T

Yesterday's Cryptoquip: All wars are civil wars, because all men are brothers.

NOW SHOWING - MOVIES

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  Oppanda (K) - 4 Shows
- **Lido Theatre** — **Ph: 2420885**
  Oppanda (K) - 4 Shows
- **Sangam Theatre** — **Ph: 2520494**
  Rowdy Baby (K) - 2 Shows; *Khiladi (Te)* 2 Shows
- **Padma Theatre** — **Ph: 2521923**
  Khiladi (Te) - 4 Shows
- **Rajkamal Theatre** — **Ph: 2423554**
  FIR (Ta) - 4 Shows
- **Balaji Theatre** — **Ph: 2497199**
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Love Mocktail 2 (K)	(S-1)	10.15 am, 1.15 pm, 4.05 pm, 10 pm
	(S-4)	1.10 pm, 7.10 pm
Khiladi (Te)	(S-1)	6.50 pm
	(S-4)	10.00 am, 4.05 pm, 10.00 pm
Death On The Nile (E)	(S-2)	10.40 am, 7.10 pm
FIR (Ta)	(S-2)	1.10 pm
Fourwalls (K)	(S-2)	4.15 pm
Moonfall (E)	(S-2)	9.55 pm
Rowdy Baby (K)	(S-3)	10.45 am
Oppanda (K)	(S-3)	1.05 pm
Badhaai Do (H)	(S-3)	4.00 pm, 7.00 pm, 9.55 pm

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Badhaai Do (H)	(S-1)	12.20 pm, 6.40 pm, 9.55 pm
	(S-4)	9.35 am
Death On The Nile (E)	(S-1)	9.30 am
	(S-4)	3.30 pm
Love Mocktail 2 (K)	(S-2)	9.30 am, 12.40 pm 6.35 pm, 9.45 pm
Khiladi (Te)	(S-3)	11.15 am, 2.40 pm 6.05 pm, 9.30 pm
Oppanda (K)	(S-1)	3.35 pm
Fourwalls (K)	(S-4)	6.25 pm
Rowdy Baby (K)	(S-2)	3.50 pm
Ide Antaranga Shuddhi (K)	(S-4)	12.45 pm
FIR (Ta)	(S-4)	9.40 pm

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Moonfall (E)	9.25 am, 4.05 pm, 6.35 pm, 9.55 pm
Death on the Nile (E)	10.20 am, 1.05 pm, 4.05 pm, 9.50 pm
Marry Me (E)	10.20 am, 1.20 pm, 7.05 pm
Badhaai Do (H)	11.30 am, 3.10 pm, 6.20 pm, 10 pm
Khiladi (Te)	11.45 am, 2.55 pm, 6.35 pm, 9.45 pm
Fourwalls (K)	11.55 am
Love Mocktail 2 (K)	12.30 pm, 3.40 pm, 6.50 pm, 10 pm
FIR (Ta)	3.10 pm
Rowdy Baby (K)	7.10 pm
DJ Tillu (Te)	9.40 pm

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Khiladi (Te)	11.15 am, 2.40 pm, 9.30 pm
Death on the Nile (E)	11.55 am 6.20 pm, 9.45 pm
Love Mocktail 2 (K)	12.15 pm, 6.50 pm, 10.00 pm
Preethigibbaru (K)	12.55 pm
FIR (Ta)	2.55 pm
Badhaai Do (H)	3.25 pm, 6.05 pm, 9.20 pm
Ide Antaranga Shuddhi (K)	3.50 pm
DJ Tillu (Te)	6.50 pm

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Fourwalls (K)	(S-1)	11.00 am, 6.45 pm
Rowdy Baby (K)	(S-1)	4.30 pm
	(S-3)	10.45 am
Khiladi (Te)	(S-1)	9.15 pm
	(S-4)	10.45 am, 1.45 pm, 6.20 pm
Love Mocktail 2 (K)	(S-2)	10.30 am, 1.15 pm, 4 pm, 6.45 pm, 9.30 pm
Badhaai Do (H)	(S-3)	6.20 pm, 9.15 pm
FIR (Ta)	(S-4)	9.15 pm

NOTE: Movie timings published here are subject to sudden change by the theatre managements. The films are also liable to be changed in multiplexes if there are no minimum audience of 15 to the film announced here.

2-day IPL auction concludes

Liam Livingstone biggest draw on final day

Bengaluru, Feb. 14- England's Liam Livingstone proved to be the biggest draw on day 2 of IPL auction. There was an intense bidding war for the England batter and he was eventually bought for Rs. 11.5 crore by Punjab Kings.

Odean Smith, the big-hitting all-rounder from West Indies, was also sold to Punjab Kings for Rs. 6 crore. All-rounder Shivam Dube was bought by CSK for Rs. 4 crore. South African Marco Jansen was sold for Rs. 4.2 crore to Sunrisers Hyderabad. Jansen's countryman Aiden Markram became the first player to go under the hammer on day 2 and he was bought for Rs. 2.60 crore to Sunrisers Hyderabad.

Big international stars like Marnus Labuschagne, Aaron Finch and Eoin Morgan have gone unsold so far. Ajinkya Rahane was bought by KKR for his base price of Rs. 1 crore.

Proven IPL talents like Jayant Yadav and Vijay Shankar were

Liam Livingstone

bought for cheap by Gujarat Titans. Jofra Archer was the big buy of the accelerated auction as Mumbai Indians decided to shell out Rs. 8 crore to bag the English seamer. Singapore international Tim David was roped in by Mumbai Indians again for Rs. 8.25 crore. West Indies big-hitting all-rounder Romario Shepherd was bagged by Sunrisers Hyderabad for Rs 7.75 crore.

Delhi Capitals have paid Rs. 2.8 crore for West Indies big-hitter Rovman Powel. CSK picked up New Zealand's Devon Conway, while Mumbai Indians paid Rs. 2.6 crore for Aussie paceman Daniel Sams. Raj Angad Bawa, Player of the Match in 2022 ICC U-19 World Cup final, has hit a jackpot. The all-rounder was bought for Rs. 2 crore by Punjab Kings. Another India U-19 star, Rajvardhan Hangargekar raked in Rs. 1.5 crore from CSK. Yash Dhull was bought by Delhi Capitals for Rs. 50 lakh.

Upcoming left-arm seamer Yash Dayal was bought for Rs. 3.2 crore by Gujarat Titans. Delhi Capitals made 3 quick buys post lunch, including India's U19-WC winning captain Yash Dhull. Uncapped Indian batters are finding some takers here. The Indian bowlers are having a decent day. Young Chetan Sakariya was bought for Rs. 4.20 crore by Delhi Capitals, who also paid Rs. 5.25 crore for left-arm paceman Khaleel Ahmed. Navdeep Saini was bought for Rs. 2.60 crore by Rajasthan Royals.

Fit-again Hugh Edmeades returns for final hour of IPL Auction

Bengaluru, Feb. 14- It was a poignant moment when a room full of people gave a standing ovation to veteran auctioneer Hugh Edmeades, who conducted the final hour of the IPL auction after a massive health scare on the opening day.

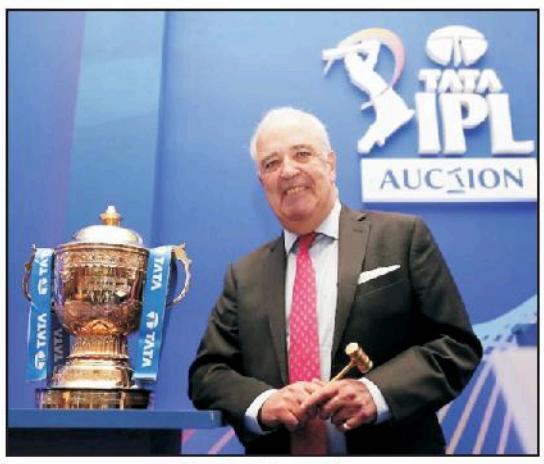
Edmeades, a veteran of more than 2,700 plus auctions across the globe, collapsed inside the auction room of ITC Gardenia Hotel here on Saturday while conducting the bidding involving Sri Lankan leg-spinner Wanindu Hasaranga. He was immediately given medical attention and it was due to "postural hypotension" (a case of low BP) that he had collapsed. The BCCI summoned 62-year-old veteran TV presenter Charu Sharma, who rushed in to fill for Edmeades and did a commendable job.

Before the final hour, Sharma handed the auction gavel back to its rightful owner Edmeades, who strode in nattily dressed in sharp suit as all teams stood up in admiration.

He thanked Sharma, who also got his round of applause before he jokingly said that the BCCI would do well to put a fence on the podium, which would have probably stopped him from falling down.

Earlier, the BCCI had posted a message from Edmeades, who had apologised for his absence due to the health scare.

"I am sorry that I can't be in person with you today



Hugh Edmeades

(Feb. 13). As you can see, I'm absolutely fine but I wasn't going to be able to give 100 percent performance today, which will be unfair to the BCCI, the IPL, the bidders and most importantly the players. I just want to thank people all around the world who have sent me good wishes," Edmeades said in a video uploaded by the BCCI.

"I am also thankful for Charu (Sharma) to step on such short notice to take over the batting. The show must go on. I hope to see you later on but in the meantime it's good luck to you for the bidding today (Feb. 13)," he added.

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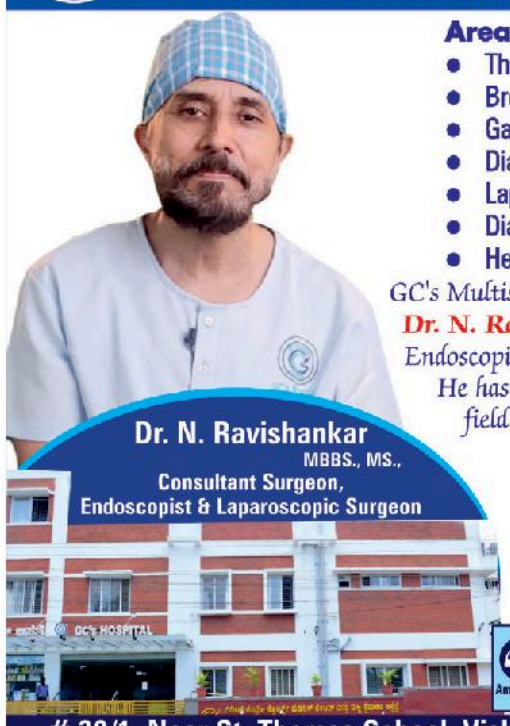

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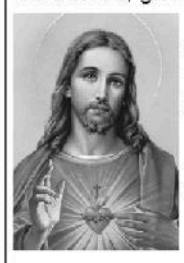

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